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Senate calls for manufacturing, small business “czars”

Lansing – The Michigan Senate today passed legislation to create “czars” to help manufacturers and small businesses cut through red tape, Sen. Valde Garcia (R-Howell) announced.

“These ‘czars’ will be given the freedom to focus on the specific tasks of creating and retaining Michigan jobs,” Garcia said. “They will be able to put to work the available resources of state government and cut through unnecessary bureaucracy.”

Senate Bills 840 and 841 call on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to provide a small-business “czar” and a manufacturing “czar” with the experience and vision to focus on small-business start-ups, as well as retaining and creating manufacturing jobs.

The bills are part of the JOBS plan – “Job Opportunities for Business Success” – recently introduced by Senate and House Republicans. The JOBS proposal would help create manufacturing jobs, spur new small-business investment for more job opportunities, and provide incentives to expand the state’s slow-moving economy by getting Michigan residents back to work.

The bills now go to the House for consideration.

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